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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,6-9 and 11-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,6-9 and 11-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to communication filed 1/10/05. Currently claims 3-4, 6-9, 11-14 are pending. Claims 1-2, 5, and 10 have been cancelled.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. *Claims 3-4, 6-9, and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jeddelloh (US 6473817).*

Regarding claims 12-14, Jeddelloh discloses fixing an arbitration (e.g., col. 4, lines 38-42), performing experiments of skewing arbitration priority to particular agents, the experiments skewed from the fixed arbitration (col. 4, lines 61-65), and assigning resource arbitration priority to each agent based on a historical ratio comprising demands (e.g., col. 5, lines 31-38).

Regarding claim 3, Jeddelloh also discloses the step of applying statistical techniques to the correlated data to determine a mean demand for each agent (e.g., col. 5, lines 7-8).

Regarding claim 4, Jeddelloh also discloses repeating the process of determining the demand, correlating the demands and assigning resource arbitration (e.g., col. 4, lines 18-21).

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Regarding claim 6, Jeddeloh also discloses the PCI bus and agents (e.g., col. 7, lines 25-27).

Regarding claim 7, Jeddeloh also discloses a bus monitor consisting of logic which monitors some or all of bus transactions for each said bus agent (e.g., col. 5, lines 31-38); and programmable bus arbitration logic comprising priority assignment registers for each bus agent and logic to generate said grant control signals based on the data stored in said priority assignment registers (e.g., col. 4, lines 43-47).

Regarding claim 8, Jeddeloh also discloses calculating the bus effective bandwidth for each transaction of each said bus agent, and stores the running average for each bus agent in bandwidth registers (e.g., col. 5, lines 8-11).

Regarding claim 9, Jeddeloh also discloses decoding said priority assignment registers for each bus agent and assigns each agent a number of grant control signals based on the value in its respective priority assignment register (e.g., col. 6, lines 54-60).

Regarding claim 11, Jeddeloh also discloses correlating resource requirements for each agent over a specified period of time and determining a mean resource requirement for each agent (e.g., col. 5, lines 8-11) and statistically removing aberrations from the data (e.g., col. 5, lines 8-10, the process of averaging removes aberrations, an average is a statistic).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 1/10/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claim 12, Applicant argues that in Jeddelloh "decrementing of weighted bandwidth is a normal sequence, and teaches away from Applicants' 'experiments' which are 'skewed from the fixed arbitration'" (p. 7); however Jeddelloh teaches that "[w]hen the value of the current weighted bandwidth is equal to a minimum value, the priority rank of the device is set to the minimum value and the priority rank of the devices which previously had a lower priority rank is incremented" (col. 4, lines 61-65). Examiner finds that the lowering of one priority value and the raising of certain other priority values anticipates the claimed "skewing" of priority values "from the fixed arbitration". After the historical ratio is derived, a resource arbitration priority is assigned, as cited supra.

Regarding dependent claims 3, 4, 6-9, and 11, Applicant argues that the claimed "experiments" which are "skewed from the fixed arbitration" is further defined; however Examiner finds that additional features fail to distinguish the claimed invention.

Thus the rejection of the invention as claimed stands.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clifford H Knoll whose telephone number is 571-272-3636. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 0630-1500.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark H Rinehart can be reached on 571-272-3632. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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